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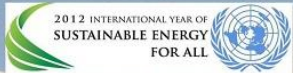
PRESENTATION AT POLS3640-001

Model UN Club Observes UN General Assembly



(R to L): Jesler Molina and Mara Orchard, from Venezuela, Paulo Macote Ambrozio, from Guinea-Bissau, and Jordan Greene of Livermore, Calif., interned at the United Nations.

September 25, 2012



It was declared by the United Nations General Assembly's Resolution # 65/151 in December 2010

General Assembly's Resolution 65/151 called on UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to organize and coordinate activities to be undertaken during the Year in order to increase awareness of the importance of addressing energy issues*, including access to and sustainability of affordable energy and energy efficiency at local, national, regional and international levels.



The Second Annual Utah High School Students Workshop and Essay Contest

"Sustainable Energy for Mountain Communities"

AGENDA

- 2:00pm - 2:10pm - Opening remarks by the Chair of the Organizing Committee, Dr. Snedegar and Deputy Chair, Jesler Molina;
- 2:10pm - 2:20pm - Greetings from Dr. Rusty Butler, Focal Point of the U.N.-related Mountain Partnership (MP) at Utah Valley University;
- 2:20pm - 2:30pm - Remarks from John McClure, President of Utah International Mountain Forum (UIMF) at UVU;
- 2:30pm - 4:00pm - Presentation of the best 10 research papers by high school students;
- 4:00pm - 4:10pm - Greetings by Skype from Rebecca Wallace, Aspen International Mountain Foundation, member of the MP;
- 4:10pm - 4:50pm - Presentation of the best 10 research papers by high school students (continue);
- 4:50pm - 5:20pm - Announcement of the best 5 essays and the 3 winners by Dr. Snedegar, and Jesler Molina. Awards and certificates of appreciation to the winners are presented by representative of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Focal Point of MP at UVU and President of UIMF;
- 5:20pm - 5:30pm - Presentation of certificates of appreciation to all participants and organizers of the workshop (same individuals are involved as in the previous ceremony);
- 5:30pm - 6:00pm - Reception.

DATE: Friday, March 30, 2012
 TIME: 2PM - 6PM
 VENUE: Orem Public Library, Storytelling Wing



Event is free and open to the public

CO-SPONSORS:



Special thanks to the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at UVU for financial support of the workshop through ELLA grant

CONTACT PERSONS:

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Hosting Essay Contests for High Schools in Utah



The UIMF held the Second Annual Utah High School Workshop and Essay Contest on the topic of the "Sustainable Energy for Mountain Communities", in support of the United Nations initiative to declare 2012 as the "International Year of Sustainable Energy for All," March 30, 2012,

Contribution of Research to the UN Document



SUSTAINABLE MOUNTAIN DEVELOPMENT

NORTH AMERICAN REPORT

Principal Researcher: Rebecca J. Wallace

Rebecca J. Wallace, Karinjo DeVore
Aspen International Mountain Foundation

Pamela Lifton-Zoline, John Lifton-Zoline
The Telluride Institute

A REPORT SUBMITTED FOR
RIO+20

January 2012

APPENDIX G

SIERRA MADRE MOUNTAIN RANGE

By: Nikko Pederson and Jesler Molina

The Mexican Sierra Madre Mountain Range is comprised of the Sierra Madre Oriental (eastern), the Sierra Madre Occidental (western), and the Sierra Madre del Sur (south). The Sierra Madre runs from north to south from south of the Sonora-Arizona border to parts of Chihuahua, Sinaloa, Durango, Zacatecas, Nayarit, Jalisco, Aguascalientes, Guanajuato, Coahuila, Nuevo León, Tamaulipas, Mexico DF, San Luis Potosí, Hidalgo, Tlaxcala, Oaxaca, Guerrero and Michoacán. The range covers an expanse of 134,900 mi² (349,500 km²), and has an average elevation of just over 8,000 ft.^{1,2,3,4} Wildlife within this region includes 23 different breeds of pine, about 200 species of oak, many diverse endemic birds, and a large assortment of other plants and animals.⁵ Due to its extension, Sierra Madre territory functions as 'climate corridors' where different kinds of climates interact; from warm-humid to warm or cold climates, warm subtropical to temperate climates, and between arid and semi-arid to warm-humid areas.⁶

PHYSICAL

The Sierra Madre range contains soil that is very acidic due to high levels of hydrothermally altered rock. The pH levels of the soil deriving from these degrading rocks range from 3.5 to 4.5.⁷ Bio-energy, i.e., energy produced from waste, such as the Monterrey III project, is one of the many energy projects in the region.⁸ There also are several dams maintained in the Sierra Madre that are used primarily for fresh water and energy. The major minerals found here are silver, gold, iron, cobalt, copper, lead, zinc, antimony, nickel, and uranium.⁹ Silver is exceptionally prevalent in this area and contributes to Mexico maintaining its dominance as the world's largest silver provider.¹⁰ Mexico supplies 16 percent of the world's silver.¹¹ Fresh water is very affluent in each of the Sierra Madre distributions. Each one of them represents a very important source of natural water; however, the most important sources of fresh water are the

1 Valero, Alejandra. "Sierra Madre Occidental pine-oak forests." 2001. www.worldwildlife.org/wildworld/profiles/terrestrial/na/na0302_full.html (accessed Nov. 23, 2011).

2 Valero, Alejandra. "Sierra Madre Oriental pine-oak forests." 2001. www.worldwildlife.org/wildworld/profiles/terrestrial/na/na0303_full.html (accessed Nov. 23, 2011).

3 Valero, Alejandra. "Sierra Madre Del Sur pine-oak forests." 2001. www.worldwildlife.org/wildworld/profiles/terrestrial/nt/nt0309_full.html (accessed Nov. 23, 2011).

4 Gilman, Daniel C., Harry T. Peck, and Frank M. Colby. The New International encyclopedia. Vol. 18, Dodd, Mead and company, 1906. books.google.com/books?id=avwaAAAYAAJ&pg=PA147 (accessed Nov. 23, 2011).

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6 Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources. Climate Change Strategy For Protected Areas, 2010. Mexico, DF: National Comision of Protecct Areas, 2011. Spanish document translation.

7 Goldberg, Deborah E. The Distribution of Evergreen and Deciduous Trees Relative to Soil Type: An Example from the Sierra Madre, Mexico, and a General Model. Vol. 63, Ecological Society of America, 1982. www.jstor.org/stable/1937234 (accessed Nov. 23, 2011).

8 "Nuevo Leon Unido." n.d. www.nl.gob.mx/?P=simeprode_bioenergia (accessed Nov. 23, 2011).

9 Crane, Walter R. Gold and Silver. J. Wiley & Sons, 1908. books.google.com/books?id=Xp5BAAAAIAAJ&dq=gold+ (accessed Nov. 23, 2011).

10 Zihlmann, Peter. "Sierra Madre Gold and Silver Venture Fund." n.d. www.timeless-funds.com/en/sierra-madre-gold-and (accessed Nov. 23, 2011).

11 "Mexico." 2011. www.nationsencyclopedia.com/economies/Americas/ (accessed Nov. 23, 2011).

Jesler Molina was among 19 UVU students who researched seven different ranges in North America, and results of that research were included as an attachment to the document.

See:

https://www.uvu.edu/utahimf/blog/docs/1201smd_report/1201_10_sustainable_mountain_development_north_america.pdf

Hosting the New York Times Correspondent at UVU

A PRESENTATION BY

The New York Times

**UNITED NATIONS BUREAU CHIEF
SOMINI SENGUPTA**



ISIS, EBOLA AND BODIES THAT FELL FROM THE SKY: A VIEW OF GLOBAL CRISES FROM THE UNITED NATIONS

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SOMINI SENGUPTA

covers the United Nations. She was previously The Times bureau chief in Dakar and New Delhi and most recently wrote about technology and the law. She was born in Calcutta, grew up in Canada and California and graduated from the University of California, Berkeley. She is the recipient of the 2004 George Polk Award for foreign reporting.



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*To UIMF
All the best!
Somini
Sengupta*



Jesler Molina, UIMF President Presents to Somini Sengupta documents about UIMF involvement in SMD-promotion October 29th, 2014

Hosting President of ECOSOC at UVU



*My best wishes to the Utah International Mountain Forum
in - so ably - promoting the SDGs, and the Post 2015 Development Agenda
With my fondest memories
Martin Sajdik*

Ambassador of Austria to the UN and President of the ECOSOC, H.E. Martin Sajdik (with yellow tie) with UVU faculty and students
Sign under the photo: "My best wishes to the Utah International Mountain Forum in - so ably - promoting the SDGs, and the post-2015 Development Agenda. With my fondest memories, Martin Sajdik."

Participation at Open Working Group on SDGs



Open Working Group session on Sustainable Development Goals



*Jesler Molina makes his statement to the committee
December 11, 2013*



AMBASSADOR AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF HUNGARY TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Rusty Butler, Ph.D.
Associate Vice President
International Affairs and Diplomacy
Utah Valley University
800 W. University Pkwy
Orem, UT 84058-5999

New York, 2 January 2014

Dear Dr. Butler,

It was a pleasure to host you and your delegation from Utah Valley University at the session of the UN Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals on December 9-11, 2013. The Official statement and recommendations made by Jesler Molina, representative of Utah International Mountain Forum (UIMF) on behalf of UVU delegation presented an invaluable contribution to the discussions and agenda. His comments, focusing on identifying new goals for the Post 2015 Agenda, echoed that from other groups.

It was a result of group efforts from UVU which highlighted both contributions from other member of UVU delegation like yourself, Dr. Brian Birch, Associate VP for Academic Affairs, Engaged learning and Carlos Alarco, another representative of UIMF, a coalition of UVU student clubs and involvement of your institution to the sustainable development agenda since 2006.

I salute your efforts in those areas and I am looking forward to continue working on joint promotion of sustainable development goals of the United Nations.

Sincerely,

Ambassador Csaba Körösi
Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations
Co-Chair of the UN Open Working Group on SDGs

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Item 19 (j) of the provisional agenda*

Sustainable development

Sustainable mountain development
Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

Mountain and upland areas have a universal importance: they provide water and other global goods and services to humanity. However, mountain ecosystems are highly vulnerable to climate change, extreme weather events and land degradation and recover slowly from disasters and shocks. In the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Member States pledged to leave no one behind and stressed the importance of reaching those furthest behind first. Mountain communities in developing countries are particularly vulnerable and require special attention, given that one in three people in those areas is at risk of hunger and malnutrition.

To achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and the targets relating to mountains as well as to poverty, hunger, sustainable agriculture, climate change and gender equality, there is a need to prioritize mountain areas by focusing on the specific challenges they face and the opportunities they provide. Mountain-specific policies and the inclusion of mountain communities in decision-making processes and capacity development can improve the livelihoods of communities while also conserving and restoring mountain ecosystems. In particular, efforts should be made to increase scientific knowledge of mountains and collect disaggregated data for sound analysis, policy advice and, ultimately, for change.

39. The Utah International Mountain Forum hosted the fourth International Women of the Mountains Conference at Utah Valley University in October 2015 to address the critical issues faced by women and children living in mountainous regions across the globe and provide a forum to discuss gender equality. The outcome document contained the following observations:³

- (a) Goal 5 could be achieved through strong support for improving women's rights and welfare, including women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life;
- (b) Successful implementation of target 6.6 could be achieved by supporting the vital role that women play in the protection of the environment and water sources, particularly as custodians of traditional knowledge that builds resilience and allows for adaptation to climate change;
- (c) With respect to target 15.1, women play a critical role in joint planning as promoters of innovation, development and cooperation for common benefit.

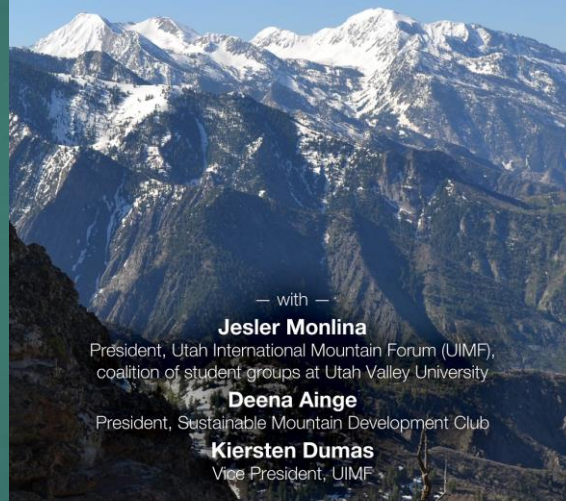
* A/71/150.

³ "The final document of the fourth International Women of the Mountains Conference". Available from www.womenofthemountains.org/images/2015/16-03-31-WOMC-Finalized.pdf.



Hosting Women of the Mountains Conference at UVU

WOMEN OF THE MOUNTAINS 2015 CONFERENCE AND STUDENT ENGAGEMENT



— with —

Jesler MolinaPresident, Utah International Mountain Forum (UIMF),
coalition of student groups at Utah Valley University**Deena Ainge**

President, Sustainable Mountain Development Club

Kiersten Dumas

Vice President, UIMF

Thursday 16 April
2:00 pm • OSH 255hinckley.utah.edu/forums

Jesler Molina and UIMF Introduced
Women of the Mountains Conference
at the University of Utah's Hinckley
Institute of Politics,
April 16, 2015



Jesler Molina advertises Women of the Mountains Conference during the meeting with the IRI's Women's Democracy Network, February 7, 2015



Jesler Molina meeting with the State Department representatives, February 7, 2015



KENYA

United Nations Post 2030
Development Agenda

Thursday, February 9, 2017 ~ LA 116 ~ 11:30 am



H.E. Macharia Kamau

Ambassador and Permanent Representative
of Kenya to the United Nations

*Best wishes to the UIMF
in their pursuit of the
Post 2030 Development Agenda!
Macharia Kamau*



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Hosting Co-Chairs of the Open Working Group at UVU



Jesler Molina with
Ambassador Macharia
Kamau at UVU,
February 9, 2017



Jesler Molina with Ambassador
Csaba Korosi at UVU,
May 15, 2023



United Nations

*From Crisis Management to Transformation -
The UN in a Brave New World*

Monday, May 15th, 2023 ~ CB511 ~ 1:00 PM MST



H.E. Mr. Csaba Körösi
President of the seventy-seventh session
of the United Nations General Assembly

*To UIMF
with special regards*



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**Dr. Baldomero Lago, CIO/Vice Rector for Global Engagement at Utah Valley University presents UVU 2018 Atlas Award to Jesler Molina for his contribution to the promotion of the UN mountain targets
March 12th 2018.**

Where do I work now?



OPLR reviews all proposals for new occupational regulation (licensing, certification, registration) in the state, as well as reviewing the current requirements for each regulated occupation once every 10 years.

What do I do?

- **Policy Analysis**
- **Research**
- **Interdepartmental collaboration**
- **H.B. 58 Licensing Amendments**
- **S.B. 26 Behavioral Health
Licensing Amendments**



Lessons from SMD Advocacy Through UIMF

- ▶ 1. Never give up
- ▶ 2. Trust
- ▶ 3. Team work
- ▶ 4. Keep in contact

Questions?

▶ Thank you very much